

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 23-28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 29 has been added, support for which can be found, for example, on page 8, lines 16-23; and page 5, lines 8-12.

As amended the claims are drawn to two inventions: (1) claims 1-22 are drawn to disodium salts of delivery agents, including ethanol solvates and monohydrates thereof, and compositions and unit dosage forms containing the same; and (2) claim 29 is drawn to a method for administering salmon calcitonin.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9 and 11-28 stand rejected as anticipated by WO 96/30036. The Examiner contends that disodium salts are formed in situ when the compounds are treated with sodium hydroxide. Disodium salts are not explicitly disclosed or suggested in WO 96/30036. The claimed compounds have two ionizable sites, one at the carboxyl terminus and one at the 2-hydroxy group on the phenyl ring. Treatment with the amount of sodium hydroxide specified in WO 96/30036 will not form the disodium salt because of the extremely low reaction constant (K_a) of the 2-hydroxy group. Therefore WO 96/30036 does not anticipate claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9 and 11-28. Accordingly applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the above remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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